

BIO•TOWN, USA



The focus of BioTown, USA is to turn challenges into opportunities. The major opportunities include: homegrown, local energy production and independence from foreign sources; a cleaner environment; solution to waste management issues; the potential to grow Indiana agriculture; and state and local economic development.

Long Term Expectations:

The long term expectation of the BioTown Project is to completely meet all the energy needs of Reynolds via biorenewable resources, including electricity, natural gas replacement, and vehicular fuel. Meeting the energy needs of this town with renewable sources will be the first of its kind in the world, while using environmentally friendly technologies that will convert animal and human waste to biogas, which translates into energy.

Short Term Goals:

- Install E85 ethanol pumps at area fueling stations.
- Provide the opportunity for Reynolds residents to convert their vehicles to E85 compatible.
- ISDA is working with a vehicle manufacturer to get more flex fuel vehicles in Reynolds.
- Make B20 (20% biodiesel) readily available to area users of diesel fuel.

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In mid-May the Indiana State Department of Agriculture rolled out our strategic plan, *Possibilities Unbound: The Plan for 2025*. This document describes the Department's focus and guiding principles for the next several years.

The plan contains seven strategies that will grow and develop Indiana agriculture. One of the seven strategies is titled, Bioenergy.

Part of the action plan of this strategy is to **develop a pilot community that meets all of its energy needs through biorenewable resources.** *The focus of BioTown is to turn challenges into opportunities.*

The possibilities are endless.

Electricity, ethanol, biodiesel, natural gas replacement, a healthier environment, and many other things are all possibilities. We don't have all of the answers. We do have a vision to create the first biorenewable town in the United States.



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